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REPLY TO M/S 411

Colonel Raymond J. Eineigl District Engineer Seattle District, Corps of Engineers P. O. Box C-3755 Seattle, Washington 98124

Dear Colonel Eineigl:

Following numerous discussions between representatives of our respective offices there is a growing concern that the PCB dredging project will not take place this year. As we have indicated in the past correspondence, we feel very strong that this project should be initiated this year.

We also understand that the Port of Seattle has expressed reservations in disposing the dredge spoils above the high water line on Kellogg Island. Our original preference would have been to place the contaminated PCB spill material above the mean high water line, however, due to the limited disposal area on the Island we do not object to this material being disposed of below the mean high water line provided the exterior dikes are not broken during the dredging operation and continuous monitoring of the project is carried out.

It is felt that adequate precautions are being incorporated into the dredging program and that disposal of the material on the Island will not jeopardize its future industrial development.

Should you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Regional Administrator

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